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Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

\*\*\* Please note: This meeting will be held via inperson and GoTo Meeting Link \*\*\*

# **FIRSTNET MEETING MINUTES**

### Call to Order/Conference Line

Meeting called to order by Chair Bischof at 9:00 a.m.

GoTo conference telephone line and GoTo Meeting were opened.

Committee Members Present In-person: None

Committee Members Present via Conference Line & GoTo Meeting: Michele Bischof, Brian Blodgett, Blake DeRouchey, Andy Flagge, Maxx Godsey, Corey Trucke, Cal Wyman, Bob Younie

**Guests Present In-person:** Hollie Davidson, Richard Pierce

Guests Present via Conference Line & GoTo Meeting: Jared Byrne, Lesia Dickson, Tyler Richard

Committee Members Absent: Steph Coffey, Eric Dau, Rob Dehnert, Dennis Hart, Jason Hill, Ken Hindman, Jason Hoffman, Larry Hurst, Mike Jensen, William McLain, Shawn Olson, Larry Smith, Jim Wittenwyler



#### Welcome Remarks -Chair Bischof

Chair Bischof welcomed the group, and introductions of those present in person and via GoTo Meeting and conference line were made.

## **Review Action Items from Previous Meeting**

#### a. Update on "Who's on FirstNet?" Database (Brian Blodgett)

• Brian Blodgett will send "Who's on FirstNet?" credentials to Hollie Davidson

# FirstNet Update (Lesia Dickson)

Lesia Dickson provided the following update:

- FirstNet Authority is moving forward with the discipline-specific campaign
- FirstNet/AT&T will begin rolling out a program in all states where they will provide information related to Emergency Communications Centers and their connections to FirstNet
- At the next FirstNet Authority board meeting, the Board will primarily focus on budget

## **AT&T Update (Tyler Richard)**

#### a. New Tower Sites:

- Three in downtown Des Moines
  - One near Crocker & 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
  - One near E Grand Ave & 5<sup>th</sup> Street
  - One near Market & 4<sup>th</sup> Street

## b. Update on RAGBRAI Deployment

- Towns where FirstNet deployed:
  - Pocahontas (also provided demo devices for local law enforcement)
  - Lansing
- Towns where FirstNet did not deploy:
  - Sergeant Bluff
  - o Ida Grove
  - Emmetsburg
  - Mason City
  - Charles City
- Email Tyler with any feedback regarding FirstNet coverage during RAGBRAI

# **SWIC Report (Deputy SWIC Walser)**

Captain Pierce gave the following update:

#### a. Governor's School Safety Bureau Update

- In progress
- Waiting for the Governor's final decision regarding radios
- Meeting with Department of Education on August 15<sup>th</sup> to review and finalize the plan

#### b. Update Regarding the Open SWIC Position

- A conditional offer has been accepted
- Background check is in progress

#### **Old Business**

None

## **New Business (Chair Bischof)**

#### a. Topic Suggestions for Future FirstNet Committee Meetings

- AT&T presentation regarding funding for education and interoperability (would include a presentation about Enhanced Push-to-Talk)
- Presentation regarding Agency Deployed RAN
- AT&T presentation regarding Compact Rapid Deployables (CRD) and nonconventional ROG deployment options

## **Questions/Open Discussion/Comments**

Blake DeRouchey provided the following report:

- Blake recently gave a panel presentation at APCO
- Had a follow-up discussion with APCO representatives regarding FirstNet's progress over the past ten years and how lowa's 911 Program has used FirstNet through shared services

#### **New Action Items**

- Follow-up regarding Who's on FirstNet? credentials (Brian Blodgett)
- Presentation regarding Agency Deployed RAN (Lesia Dickson)
- Presentation regarding Compact Rapid Deployable (CRD) and nonconventional ROG deployment options (Tyler Richard)

# **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, September 13, 2022, @ 9:00 am

**Location:** GoTo Meeting Link: <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/904316493">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/904316493</a>

**Conference Line:** +1 (669) 224-3412

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In-person: DPS

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# Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.